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Ayes.

1 Abdul Latif Farookhi Sahib Bahadur.
2 Mrs. M. N. Clubwala.
3 Mrs. M. Hensman.
4 Sri H. M. Jagannatham.
5 „ Medai Dalavoi Kumaraswami Mudaliar.
6 Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar.
7 Sri B. Narayanaswami Nayudu.
8 „ R. Suryanarayana Rao.
9 Dr. Syed Tajuddin Sahib.
10 K. Uppi Sahib Bahadur.

Noes.

1 Sri S. B. Adityan,
2 „ B. Bhima Rao.
3 „ A. Govindacharulu.
4 „ S. Jayaram Reddy.
5 „ Dr. V. K. John.
6 The Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon.
7 Sri K. Manathunainatha Desigar.
8 „ C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliar.
9 „ M. Narayana Menon.
10 „ Mothey Narayana Rao.
11 „ C. Perumalswami Reddiar.
12 The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. Rajan.
13 Sri M. K. Sundararama Iyer.
14 The Hon. Sri O. P. Ramaswami Reddiyar.
15 Sri N. Ranga Reddi.
16 „ N. Sankara Reddi.
17 „ S. K. Satagopa Mudaliar.
18 „ P. R. K. Sarma.
19 „ P. Veerabhadraswami
20 „ N. Venkatachalamaji.
21 „ K. Venkataswami Nayudu.

Ayes 10 ; *Noes* 21 ; *Neutral*—Nil.

The Resolution was lost.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The House will now adjourn for lunch."

(After lunch—2-35 p.m.)

V.—MOTION FOR PASSING ON TO THE ITEM NEXT IN ORDER IN THE ORDER PAPER.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, under Rule 63 which says that a motion may be moved that any meeting or business be adjourned or postponed or that this House pass to the business next in order in the list of business, I move that we pass on to the business next in order in the list of business."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know from the hon. the Leader of the House why he wants this question to be deferred or postponed?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The whole object of it is to avoid discussion on it. Therefore I have quoted the rule under which I have moved this motion."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, this is taking away much of our liberty of discussion. In the morning you ruled out the adjournment motion on the ground that this resolution would be taken up now. Now when the resolution comes up, the Government come forward and say that it may be passed over. That I submit, Sir, is not a very healthy policy on the part of the Government."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Will the hon. Member please read Rule 63 and tell me . . ."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" As I am the person most affected by this move, I would like to know from the Government whether they want an adjournment or postponement or whether they want to pass on to the next item, because the Hon. the Leader of the House read the whole of the first portion of the rule."

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Pass on to the next item. I shall make it clear. I move, Sir, that we pass on to the business next in order."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Any more information required by hon. Members? I have not yet put the question to the House."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" You were pleased to rule out my adjournment motion this morning on the ground that this resolution was to be discussed. Now if this resolution is not to be discussed, then my adjournment motion was in order."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" That is a different matter. Rule 63, on the face of it is in support of the Government's motion. I am prepared to wait if any hon. Member is prepared to help me with the rules."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" It is also stated in the rule :

' Provided that nothing in this rule shall enable a member to move, that any meeting or business fixed by a special order of the President or the Governor for a purpose for which they have power to appoint a day under the Act, or rules shall be adjourned or postponed.'

The Rules fix Wednesday as a non-official day . . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" No, no. It only refers to ' power to appoint a day under the Act, or rules '."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, you are the custodian of the privileges of the House. To-day, you have fixed as a non-official day. I am sure you settled this day to be a non-official day without any reference to the Government or anyone because the rules prescribe that Wednesday is a non-official day. You have arranged the business for this day. When you adjourned the Council last time, you fixed 17th without reference to anybody because you wanted non-official business to be transacted on this day. The motion moved by the Hon. the Leader of the House interferes with your discretion and virtually encroaches on your powers."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Without going into the merits of the question . . ."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Might I point out for your consideration that the rules provide for . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I do not need the Hon. Minister's help in the matter. I am just trying to impress on the hon. Member, in view of the situation which is of a very fluid nature whether he would like to press his motion. That is only what I am trying to do. There is no difficulty for me to give my ruling and get on with the work or apply the rules in whichever way they have to be applied. I would only like to ask the hon. Member to

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consider whether, in view of the delicate position the Government are finding themselves in, and in view of the anxiety of all of us to help the situation to ease itself, he should move this motion or defer it."

2 45 p.m. SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I say a word? I gave notice of this resolution nearly four months ago when conditions such as those prevailing to-day were not prevailing. My resolution has nothing to do with the token strike that was staged, the existing strike or the proposed strike. It is a general recommendation concerning not only the non-gazetted services, but all categories of services including those paid out of contingencies."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The hon. Member is discussing the whole question, while I have moved that the House pass to the business next in order in the list of business."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" The Government say that negotiations are proceeding. As the strike may fizzle out or be called off, I request the hon. Member not to press his resolution. The resolution refers to the appointment of a committee which is one of the demands for which agitation is being carried on. In the present circumstances, our duty must be to see that the Government are not embarrassed in any manner. When the matter is finally settled and no amicable settlement has been arrived at, then this House can deal with the question effectively. Until then, there are only two courses open to us either to pass a resolution endorsing the Government's attitude or to keep quiet. As my hon. Friend said that he gave notice of this resolution four months ago, I dare say that it can wait for some more time."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of what Mr. Narayanaswami Nayudu says, I will move the resolution, then it will be seconded, and the Government can then move that the discussion on it be postponed.

" The Hon. Members of Government do not understand the difficulty of non-official Bills or resolutions getting a place in the ballot. Fortunately they can move any motion for giving precedence to their business at any time. But we non-officials do not have that right, as Dr. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar rightly complained this morning. In view of the fact that the Government are trying to 'bowl me out,' to use the language of cricket, I would like that discussion may be allowed on the motion moved by the Hon. Leader of the House."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It has been moved that the House pass to the business next in order in the list of business. The motion is now before the House for discussion."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" It is very unfortunate that hon. Members on the Treasury Bench should have taken up this attitude towards a resolution which was given notice of months ago. If the Hon. Leader of the House has moved that the business be adjourned or postponed, I would have accepted it. But the whole idea seems to be to bypass. I would like to be assured that there will be no need for a ballot again for this resolution."

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MR. PRESIDENT :—" Suppose the Government move for postponement, will the hon. Member agree? "

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I, with your permission, move an amendment to the resolution that it be postponed? "

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" On a point of order. Any non-official member is entitled to bring in a similar resolution, and why should the question of postponement come in here at all? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It is for hon. Members to decide. I have nothing to do with the matter."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" By way of amendment I move that the resolution be postponed."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" I second it."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I am afraid the amendment is out of order, because there is nothing before the House to postpone. The question of passing on to the next item in the order paper is entirely different from the question of postponement. If the House is seized of any business, then the question of postponement arises. The motion before the House is that the House do pass to the business next in order in the list of business. So I rule the amendment out of order."

The motion was put and carried.

B.—RESOLUTIONS—*cont.*

(2) APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO GO INTO THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR AGRICULTURAL AND IRRIGATIONAL PURPOSES.

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" I move—

'*This Council recommends to the Government that a Committee of M.L.As. and M.L.Cs. be constituted*

(*a*) *to examine the various applications in all the districts for grant of electric connections to wells and other reservoirs for purposes of irrigation;*

(*b*) *to take stock of all the materials available for facilitating the grant of such extensions and new connections for purposes of irrigation;*

(*c*) *to consider the desirability of stopping the supply of electricity for purposes other than agriculture in order to expedite the Grow More Food campaign; and*

(*d*) *to suggest ways and means to see that the existing and potential demand for electricity for agricultural purposes is met as early as possible, and not exceeding six months in the case of existing demands.*'

" We have been discussing an All-India question previously, and it may look as though it is coming from the sublime to the